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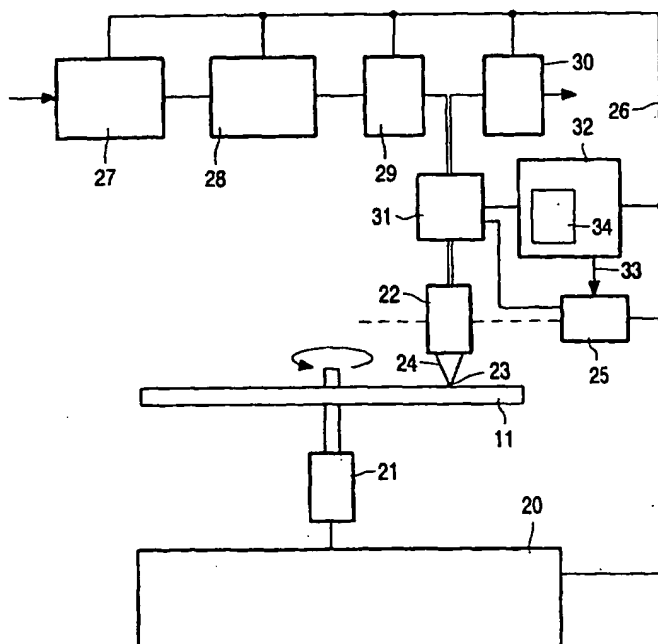
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(54) Title: DETECTING ANOMALIES IN A SCANNING SIGNAL



(57) Abstract: An apparatus for scanning a track on a record carrier has a head (22) and front end circuitry (31) for scanning the track and generating scanning signals. A detection unit (32) detects anomalies in the scanning signal, for example for adjusting a tracking servo. The detection unit (32) calculates a mean value of the scanning signal and compares the mean value to a threshold for providing an anomaly detection signal (33). Further a classification unit (34) provides an indication of the type of defect for determining a suitable responsive or corrective action.

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